

# RETREAT/ CONFERENCE PLANNING

**GUIDE** 

**YMCA Camp Willson** 



#### **WELCOME**

Thank you for choosing YMCA Camp Willson for your retreat. We are honored to have you stay with us and look forward to the opportunity to make your visit special. This guide is designed to help us work together to prepare for a successful event. It contains valuable information about YMCA Camp Willson facilities, services and activities in addition to forms that you will need to complete prior to your stay.

The pages titled "Planning" in this guide are to assist you in considering your group's specific needs.

The pages titled "Information" in the guide contain key information about YMCA Camp Willson that you will need to review thoroughly. Please share the information found on these pages with your group in advance of your arrival. We invite you to duplicate any materials you find helpful.

The section titled "Forms" in this guide explain the forms on subsequent pages. Please read carefully to ensure that you are filling out all the required paperwork for your group's unique stay. Some forms are to be submitted with your Host for best accommodation of requests.

We are partners in your event and we want to be sure you feel at ease throughout the entire process. Upon camp's receipt of your Contract, we will contact you to confirm your basic schedule, including activities, equipment needs and special meals.

The nature of our work does require us to be out of the office often, so email is the best way to get ahold of us with any questions or to set up a time for a phone call.

Thank you for taking the time to review this information. We are confident that you will have a memorable camping experience at YMCA Camp Willson and we look forward to serving you!

In the spirit of Camp, The Camp Willson staff

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#### **Availability**

Lodging, meeting spaces and programmed activities fill up quickly. We encourage you to make reservations well in advance to acquire your preferred time of year and group needs.

Accommodations may be reserved up to one year in advance.

YMCA Camp Willson does offer the opportunity for exclusive use of camp property and facilities when scheduling allows. Exclusive use of camp is defined by one group being the only overnight event at camp on a particular set of dates. No exclusive use of camp is implied unless specified on the group's contract.

#### **Payment and Cancellations**

A 20% non refundable deposit is due at time of contract. The 20% reflects number of participants and any additional cost related to activities.

Please report your final participant count 14 days prior to your scheduled arrival. Payment adjustments for actual attendance and YMCA Camp Willson staffed programs will be due upon checking out.

If your group needs to cancel their stay, please let us know within 14 days of your scheduled arrival date so staffing assignments may be adjusted.

#### **Rates**

Rates for lodging accommodations, meeting spaces, camp's programmed activities, and food services are stated on your contract. You may choose to add an additional \$5 per person to support our Summer Campership Funds which ensure children have the opportunity to attend camp.

#### Camp Pricing

Prices are inclusive of most camp activities, please let us know if you would like to add an additional \$5 per person to support our Campership fund. This fund ensures that every child has the opportunity to experience the magic of camp. For programs lasting longer than 2 nights, please speak to your camp host for pricing information.

# of Nights	# of Meals	Individual Rate	Parent/ Child Rate	
2	6	\$125	\$160	
2	5	\$95	\$140	TI D
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	3	\$65		Parent/ Unild rate is \$40 per child
1	2	\$60	\$90	
1	1	\$55	\$90	
2	0	\$60		
1	0	\$40		

#### **Upon making a reservation**

- You will receive a contract via e-mail. Please review, sign and send back within 14 days.
- Distribute Activity release forms to all participants and caregivers of all minors under the age of 18. These can be found at the end of this document.

#### Thirty (30) Days Prior to Arrival

- Confirm with your YMCA Camp Willson Host the following information
  - YMCA Camp Willson staffed activities
  - Special dietary request
  - Special meeting spaces if needed
  - Submit your groups itinerary or agenda to camp, or request your YMCA Camp Willson contact to create a schedule for you.

#### Fourteen (14) Days Prior to Arrival

- Contact your YMCA Camp Willson Host to provide final attendance number's, any additional food service request, and any cabin assignments your group may have.
- Drop date. This is the final deadline to cancel your groups reservation.

#### **Upon Arrival**

- Luggage
  - As a part of our Bed Bug Prevention policy, all guest to YMCA Camp Willson must stop at the lower lot and drop off all heatable luggage with a member of our staff. Heatable luggage includes all fabric items that you would be able to run through a washer and dryer in your home. These items include but are not limited to:
    - Sheets/ Blankets
    - Pillows/ Stuffed animals
    - Towels
    - Clothing
  - If the participants of your group arrive all at the same time, your luggage will immediately be taken to our heaters. This process takes approximately 30 minutes and luggage will be delivered to your cabins.
  - For groups arriving at scattered intervals, luggage will be ran approximately every 30 minutes to our heater depending on the flux of guest entering camp. Luggage will be delivered to your cabins as they finish heating.
- Once luggage has been dropped off to be heated, guest are permitted to drive to their cabins to drop off any non heatable luggage they may have with them.
- When all personal items have been dropped off, for emergency purposes, we ask that guest
  move their cars to our upper parking lot (near the Dining Hall) or Lower parking lot (where
  luggage was dropped off). YMCA Camp Willson is not responsible for any damage to personal
  vehicles or buildings as a result of parking near our cabins.

#### **Building Your Schedule**

The best first step in planning for your visit is to create a schedule. A well-planned agenda will help ensure an enjoyable stay for your group. If you would like help with sample program schedules, or building your own unique adventure, we would be happy to assist you. Please take time to review the options available to your group and confirm your schedule with the Camp Willson Host.

- Establish your arrival and departure times; refer to page 13 for Camp Willson arrival and departure guidelines. Please make sure to communicate these times with all participants to avoid conflicts with other groups. Establishing firm arrival and departure times during your reservation will ensure that your cabin is clean and ready for your arrival and that it is similarly prepared for the group that follows you. Check in and out times are dependent on existing group reservations. If cabin move in and out times differ from your arrival and departure times specific notations will be made in your contract. You may plan to arrive to camp before cabin check-in and stay after your cabin check-out. Your Camp Willson Host can work with you on arrangements for luggage storage.
- Build meal times into your schedule. Meals at camp are typically served at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m unless otherwise discussed with your Camp Willson Host. Camp's food services staff can ensure your group will receive plenty of hot and wholesome food when you arrive on time to meals. Most groups require approximately 45 minutes to eat, depending upon group numbers and ages. Please review page 8 for more information regarding meals and menus.
- Identify times and spaces for events, meetings or special programs. Meeting spaces must be secured and listed on your contract. For options on indoor and outdoor spaces please refer to pages 9 & 10.
- Determine preferences for programmed activities, open recreation and relaxation. Activities that require trained camp staff to lead must be secured in advance and will be outlined in your contract. Pages 11 & 12 detail the options for all recreation opportunities at camp.
- As you create your schedule, be sure to allow sufficient transition time between meals,
  meetings, recreational and programmed activities and other events. Ten minutes is a
  recommended minimum but 15 minutes is typical although some groups may need more
  time. Transitions make an event enjoyable by allowing group members time to take care of
  personal needs, converse casually or grab a cup of coffee or hot chocolate.

Please finalize your group's schedule with your camp Host at least 30 days prior to your arrival. It is helpful when you include a copy of your schedule when submitting required paperwork.

#### **Health & Safety**

- Collect and create a list of the following information for all your group members: a. Name, age and resident address
  - Emergency contact names and phone numbers
  - Any known allergies or medical conditions that may require treatment, restriction or accommodation while at camp
  - For minors without a parent on site, a signed form with permission to seek emergency treatment, or a signed religious waiver
- Consult your group to determine and arrange for any special needs they have, such as:
  - Restricted diets (allergies, vegan, diabetic, dairy-free, gluten-free, etc.) A vegetarian
    option is offered at every meal however having an exact count will aid us in preparing to
    meet everyone's nutritional needs. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated with
    at least two weeks advance notice.
  - Limited mobility. Most facilities in camp are barrier-free although trails in camp are covered with a moderate layer of nature. Consult your Host on free use of camp's trail appropriate wheelchairs or other suggestions on accommodations for persons with limited mobility.
  - First aid care, supplies, and storage of medicine. Camp does not provide first aid supplies, over the counter medication, health care staff or equipment (with the exception of an AED). Secured storage and distribution of participant medications is the responsibility of the group leaders. Camp requires that you have an adult certified in First Aid and CPR to administer care as needed.
- Emergency transportation.
  - In the event of a non-life threatening medical emergency, transportation to a medical facility is the responsibility of your group. Designating a car and driver prior to arrival is recommended. Camp staff will provide you with contact information and directions to nearby facilities.
- If your group includes minors (under the age of 18), please note the following:
  - A minimum leadership requirement for youth groups is 2 adults. All leadership must be at least 18 years of age with the group leader being at least 21 years old. The User is responsible for the total supervision of all group members at all times.
  - All minors must be supervised by an adult parent or guardian, group leader or chaperone at all times during their stay at Camp Willson.
  - Group leaders and chaperones need to be prepared to handle all emergency and/or disciplinary issues.

#### **Food Services**

YMCA Camp Wilson's food service staff prepares appetizing and well-rounded meals. Meals are served buffet style and, on occasion, family style depending on the nature and size of your group. All meals are served in the Pettigrew Lodge and you can expect to share this dining space if other groups are in camp. Adequate space has been reserved for your group so please sit at designated tables to ensure enough seating for all.

Hot beverages, such as coffee, tea and hot chocolate, are available all day in Pettigrew Lodge.

#### **Food Service Request**

Special dietary needs require at least two weeks advance notice to be accommodated. Please report the number of people in your group with dietary needs such as Vegetarians, Vegans, Dairy-free, and Gluten-free. Please report any other food allergies or concerns that our Food Services staff should be aware of.

#### **Breakfast**

Each breakfast served includes a cold cereal options, assorted flavors of instant oatmeal, cereal bars, milk/soymilk and fruit juice, fruit bar, and hot food options.

#### Lunch

All lunches served include a full salad bar or assorted chilled salads, juice, ice water, lemonade, and hot food options.

#### Dinner

Each dinner served includes a full salad bar or assorted chilled salads, juice, ice water, lemonade, hot food options, and dessert.

#### **Snacks**

Some groups choose to have an evening ice cream social. If you wish to include this in your stay please reach out to your Camp Host. Snacks/ Ice Cream Socials are an additional charge of \$1 per guest.

#### **Lodging Spaces**

YMCA Camp Willson offers a variety of lodging accommodations to meet your group's specific needs. Within three one-of-a-kind villages we can accommodate 364 overnight guests in our all-season, bunk style cabins. Your assigned cabins will be determined on your Host and are subject to change biased on the needs of your group and other groups that may be sharing camp during your say. For this reason, please only plan on using the cabins assigned to your group.

#### **Back Circle Cabins**

Back Circle Cabins are 6 buildings housing two cabins each. Cabins share a porch and are connected via door inside the cabin. This door has the ability to be locked by each side. Back circle cabins house 14 people and have bathroom/ shower facilities connected to the cabin. These cabins have A/C and heat abilities.



#### Front Circle Cabins

Front Circle Cabins are 13 buildings located the closest to Pettegrew Dining Hall. Each cabin houses 12 people. These cabins do not have bathrooms/ showers connected but are located a short walk from our shower houses and bathrooms. These cabins have A/C and heat abilities.



#### **Ranch Cabins**

Ranch Cabins are located near our Equestrian Center.

These three cabins house 36 people and are a short walk from our Chuck Wagon meeting space that has bathroom and shower facilities connected.



#### **Meeting Spaces**

YMCA Camp Willson offers a variety of meeting locations to meet your group's specific needs. Common meeting spaces can be reserved based on your group's needs, size and availability. Room set up and audiovisual equipment options may be requested in advance: Portable Sound System, Microphone w/Stand, Projection Screen, LCD Projector, TV are available but supplies are limited.

#### **Pettegrew Dining Hall**

The heart of Camp Willson! As you drive into Camp, your first stop will be at our Camp Offices which are located besides Pettigrew Hall. Our dining hall has a seating capacity of 300 people (usually seating 10–12 people per table).

#### **Conference Center**

Our Conference Center is a year round multi-purpose building, with three meeting rooms and a restroom. The upper level ( $35' \times 70'$ ) is complete with indoor fireplace, restrooms, kitchenette, and PA system. It can seat up to 200 people. The lower level has two classroom meeting spaces.

#### **Nature Center**

Our nature center is home to many of our Outdoor Education classes. Many of our reptiles and amphibians call this building their home. This building has two small meeting spaces that fit around 12 people comfortably.

#### Chuck Wagon

Located adjacent to our Equestrian Center, the Chuck Wagon is complete with, kitchenette bathroom and shower facilities for Ranch cabins, and meeting space for up to 25 people.

#### **Planning**

#### **Programmed Activities**

YMCA Camp Willson offers a variety of recreational opportunities for your group to engage in during their stay. Programmed Activities are defined as activities requiring a trained YMCA Camp Willson staff member to lead. Participation in these unique programmed activities must be arranged prior to arrival and require an Activity Release Waver by all participants. Some activities have age, group size and time limitations. Programmed Activities at Camp Willson include:

#### **Programmed Activities**

Archery- Whether they are picking up a bow for the first time or are modern-day Robin Hoods, groups of all ages enjoy aiming for the bull's eye at our archery range.

Minimum age: 6

Riflery- Under the guidance of our experienced instructors, participants will learn the fundamentals of marksmanship, firearm safety, and responsible shooting practices. Equipped with precision BB guns, targets, and safety gear, participants will have the chance to take aim and improve their accuracy. Our designated shooting range provides a controlled and secure setting for this engaging and educational activity. Minimum age: 6

Tie Dye- Our Arts and Crafts room is available for you to make your most groovy tie-dyed item. This activity does require guest to provide their own 100% cotton clothing item. The Arts and Crafts room can also be reserved for group-lead art programs.

Nature Discovery – Our camp staff can lead your group in activities designed to heighten your awareness of the natural world. Nature games, guided hikes, or curriculum-based outdoor education may be included in your retreat or outdoor school program. Max. # per staff: 12

Games/Initiatives - Large and small groups enjoy fun, fast paced games and teambuilding initiatives. Camp staff will create a program using props and ingenuity that will be sure to entertain and engage groups of all ages.

Max # per staff: 12

Outdoor Skills - Learn the basics of fire building, orienteering, shelter building, knot tying or enjoy a guided nature hike with our staff. Areas can be reserved for your own group-led outdoor education programs.

Max. # per staff: 12

Boating- Experience the thrill of boating at YMCA Camp Willson, where adventure meets safety. Our dedicated lifeguards are here to ensure your water activities are not only exciting but also secure. Whether you're a seasoned boater or a first-timer, our priority is your safety, which is why all guests are required to wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) while on the water, regardless of age or swimming ability. Max # per lifeguard: 25 Guest under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. There is a charge of \$50 per hour to cover lifeguards

Evening Campfires - Gather at one of our campfire areas with camp staff as your emcees for an interactive evening of songs and skits. Campfire amphitheaters feature bench seating, a lighted stage and plenty of firewood. These areas can also be reserved for group-led programs.

Limited only to seating capacity

High Ropes/ Giant Swing/ Zip line - An exhilarating addition to your retreat, choose your level of challenge on these high challenge course elements. These activities require closed-toe shoes and two camp staff each to facilitate. Max. # per 1 hour session: 20 Minimum age: 11 for Zipline and High Ropes. There is an additional charge of \$15 per person for Zipline and High Ropes to cover the cost of higher level trained staff.

Coming FALL 2024- Climbing- Explore the heights with our brand new Rock Wall! Discover the thrill of scaling vertical challenges, perfect for beginners and seasoned climbers alike. From choosing challenging routs to gear selection and safety tips, we've got all you need for an unforgettable adventure. Max # per staff: 15

#### **Recreational Activities**

Recreational Activities are defined as activities offered at YMCA Camp Willson that groups and individuals can participate in at their leisure. They do not require a camp staff member to lead and are free to enjoy. Participant age, group size and time limitations may apply.

Fishing - Bring your poles and enjoy the scenic serenity of Lake Mac-o-Chee.

Sports Complex- Fan favorites like Basketball, tennis, soccer, kickball, softball, baseball, and street hockey can be played in our sports complex area.

Hiking- In the mood for a short stroll or long hike? There are miles of trails on camp to explore!

Gaga Ball-Give this a try, it's like dodge ball but the ball stays low and is played in a pit.

9-Square- Think classic 4 square but played in the air with 9 squares.

#### Information

#### **Guidelines for Arrival**

- 1. Parking is limited and permitted in designated areas only. We strongly encourage carpooling or using mass transit for large groups. Please use the entrance into camp with the big sign and meet our staff for the transfer of heatable luggage in the lower lot. Guests with limited mobility or heavy equipment to unload must make prior arrangements with your camp contact before arriving at camp.
- 2. Once you have dropped off your heatable luggage, you are permitted to drive back to your cabins to drop off the rest of your belongings. Once you have emptied your vehicle, please drive it to the lower or upper parking lot for the remainder of your stay.

#### **Guidelines for Departure**

- 1. Before departing camp, the group leader will ensure that all cabins and other facilities used are cleaned according to the Clean up Checklist posted in each building unless other arrangements have been made in advance with your camp contact. Checklists include the following:
  - a. Remove all personal/group items before cleaning begins.
  - b. Litter and lost & found are removed from bathrooms, under mattresses, bunks, and other facilities.
  - c. All mattresses are taken off beds and placed in a pile in the middle of the cabin.
  - d. Group signs, tape, pins, etc not supplied by camp, are removed from cabins and meeting spaces.
  - e. Tables and chairs used in meeting spaces and/or cabins are returned to original location and stowed properly.
  - f. Floors in cabins and meeting spaces are swept and/or vacuumed.
  - g. Tie all trash bags and place on cabin porch
  - h. Check for litter outside of cabins and around meeting spaces.
  - i. Lights are turned off, doors and windows are closed.
  - j. Any camp fires still burning are put out and cool to touch.
  - k. Let your camp host know if anything is damaged or missing from cabins and other facilities
- 2. The group leader is responsible for arranging a time with a camp host to view facilities used by the group prior to departure.
- 3. The group leader must check out with a camp host to confirm final numbers and make arrangements for final payment
- 4. Please set aside a few minutes for your group to fill out our evaluation forms located via QR code on your cabin welcome sign. They serve as a valuable tool to help us improve our retreat facilities and services

#### What to Bring to Camp

Clothing – When packing, please keep in mind that camp can be tough on non-durable clothing and that Ohio weather can be unpredictable. Active footwear is your best bet for walking on our trails and closed toe shoes are required for all climbing tower and challenge course activities. In the late fall, winter and early spring we recommend packing warm clothes with a hat and gloves for comfort in the outdoors. In the drier, early fall and late spring months, t-shirts and shorts are preferred by most.

Bedding/Towels - All the bunks have their own comfy mattress but you will need to bring your own bedding. Sleeping bags and pillows are an easy favorite when camping, but a fitted twin sheet, blanket, and pillow work well too. You may also want to pack a towel and washcloth. Other Equipment - If you plan on being a clean camper don't forget your toiletries: shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush and paste, comb, etc. Other optional items to bring are a flashlight, water bottle, spending money for the Camp Store, a camera or a non-electric instrument to play around the campfire.

Do not bring weapons of any sort; nor expensive, valuable items as YMCA Camp Willson is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal or group property.

#### **Emergency Information**

While all members of YMCA Camp Willson staff are certified in basic life saving skills, YMCA Camp Willson will not assume primary responsibility for medical care, first aid, or the medical transportation of group users. The group leader or a qualified designee will assume responsibility for providing adequate medical care, first aid, and emergency transportation to any afflicted group member(s). Groups are also responsible for providing all first aid supplies and equipment. The Group Leader must be given responsibility for responding to emergency situations and must remain on-site at all times. The Camp's AEDs are located in the dining hall. The Group Leader is required to collect, in writing, the following information on all guests:

- Names, ages, addresses, and emergency contact information for all participants.
- A list of any persons with known allergies (i.e. food or bee stings), or other health conditions requiring treatment, activity restriction, or other accommodation while at YMCA Camp Willson
- For minors without a parent on site, a signed permission form to seek emergency treatment (or a signed religious waiver).
- A signed waiver

A sample health form is available at the end of this document to assist with collecting the above information. All medicines (OTC and prescription) must be kept under lock during the group's stay and be accessible only by a responsible adult. The Group Leader is expected to notify parents and other family members if a minor is injured or becomes ill. The Camp Host must also be notified as quickly as possible in the event of serious injury or illness.

#### **Camp Terms of Group Rental**

Camp policies are designed to protect the health and safety of all participants in the camp community, and are derived, in part, from the American Camp Association (ACA) standards. Not adhering to camp rules and guidelines could result in financial penalties or dismissal from camp grounds without a refund. All group members must agree to conduct themselves in accordance with YMCA Camp Willson written and oral policies.

#### **Facilities and Grounds**

- 1. Please respect the environment. Leave natural objects where you find them so that they may be enjoyed by all. Do not feed the wildlife and keep a respectable distance. Stay on designated trails and outside the fenced areas.
- 2. Dispose of refuse properly. Ensure all garbage finds its way to a receptacle.
- 3. Please conserve resources. Close doors and windows when the heat/ AC is on; this also helps in keeping out bugs and rodents. Turn off lights and fans when leaving a facility.
- 4. Parking is limited and permitted in designated areas only. We strongly encourage carpooling or mass transit. Personal vehicles are not permitted to permently park near cabins.
- 5. Open flames are not permitted indoors, i.e. candles. Open flames outdoors must be in a site approved fire pit. Designated campfire areas can be reserved in advance at no additional cost.
- 6. All guests must observe quiet hours from 10pm to 7am in respect to other guests and staff living onsite.
- 7. Groups are responsible for cleaning cabins and meeting spaces used unless other arrangements have been made with your camp Host. Group leaders are responsible for arranging a time with camp staff to view facilities prior to departure. Group cleaning responsibilities not performed may be subject to a cleaning fee.
- 8. Groups assume financial responsibility for any damages incurred as a result of actions by any member(s) of the group. Charges for damage of property or facilities will be billed to your group.
- 9. Graffiti is not tolerated, charges for damage of property or facilities will be billed to your group.
- 10. YMCA Camp Willson is not responsible for items lost, stolen or damaged during guests' stay in camp. Unclaimed items are kept for 30 days and then donated to local charities.
- 11. Smoking and use of other tobacco products are not permitted indoors. It is allowed for adults only in the one designated outdoor area.
- 12. Groups must adhere to and not violate any city, country, state, or federal law in or about the said premises.
- 13. Pets are not permitted in camp. Service animals are an exception and must be properly identified as such. Please notify your camp Host if a working animal will be at camp.
- 14. For your safety, the following areas are off limits when not under the direct supervision of YMCA Camp Willson staff unless other arrangements have been made with your camp host: Challenge Course, Archery Range, Riflery Range, Horse Corral, Arts and Crafts room. Please do not enter the kitchen in Pettegrew Dining Hall without permission from the Food Services Director or other camp staff.
- 15. Groups must notify their Camp Host of any accidents requiring medical attention, incidents requiring follow-up and accidents regarding camp safety that were not attended to by a Camp Willson staff member. Please write down the specifics of the accident/incident and then meet with our staff to fill out a detailed report.

#### Camp Terms of Group Rental Continued

#### **Equipment and Other Terms**

- 1. Bed linens, sleeping bags, pillows and towels are not provided by camp.
- 2. Any aspect of your group's event or use of camp property not specifically identified in the Rental Agreement, including programming, is the responsibility of the group.
- 3. No exclusive use of camp is implied unless specified on the contract. Other groups may be in camp during your stay and every effort will be made to accommodate compatible groups. All guests at camp are expected to respect the privacy of others by only entering lodging and meeting spaces reserved for their group.
- 4. Camp reserves the right to change cabin and/or meeting space assignments due to scheduling and/or maintenance.
- 5. YMCA Camp Willson reserves the right to evict unruly visitors or entire groups with no refunds. All local, state and federal laws must be obeyed at camp.

#### Fire Safety

- 1. Campfires should only be built in assigned fire pits. Fire pits are pre-constructed and available near all cabins.
- 2. Campfires should ONLY contain locally sourced wood. No bottles, cans, or other trash should be disposed of in a fire pit.
- 3. Campfires must be tended at all times.
- 4. Guests should always have a water source on hand to extinguish flames.
- 5. Campfires should be put out before going to bed and before leaving the fire pit for any reason. DO NOT leave campfires unattended.
- 6. Campfires must be completely extinguished when guests depart from Camp Willson. This includes coals as well as open flames.

#### Fire Wood

YMCA Camp Willson can provide small groups with firewood. If your group plans on having camp fires at multiple fire pits over several nights or large closing ceremony camp fires, please reach out to our local fire wood provider, Browns Lawn & Tree Service at 937-599-5296.

EQUINE (HORSEBACK RIDING) ACTIVITY WAIVER/RELEASE
Required for all Trail Ride participants
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□ I am the parent, guardian, custodian or other legal representative of, a minor, age who wishes to ride horses. If both parent and child are riding, check both boxes above.  I acknowledge that YMCA Camp Willson is sponsoring equine activities (riding or otherwise handling horses, ponies, mules or donkeys whether from the ground or mounted), at YMCA Camp Willson in which q I wish; and/or q I wish (child's name) to participate. I recognize and acknowledge that my participation in such activities and any other activities which may include equine activities, involves the possibility of inherent risks including, but not limited to, the following:
The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine;
The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; Hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions; A collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object; The potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including, but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failure to act within the ability of the participant.
With full knowledge of the above and any other inherent risks which may be associated with equine activities, I hereby consent to my participation in the above described activities and waive any and all claims for tort or civil actions of any kind which I or my heirs, personal representatives and next of kin may have or which may arise against YMCA Camp Willson as a result of my participation in such equine activities. On behalf of myself, my heirs, personal representatives and next of kin, I hereby release and discharge YMCA Camp Willson, its successors, assigns, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, and agents from any and all liabilities, claims, lawsuits, losses, costs, causes of action and damages of any kind originating or in any way arising from, my participation in such equine activities.
Without limitation, or obligation, any and all media, including photographs, film footage, or tape recordings, which may include my image or voice for purposes of art, advertising, education, or promotion, or for any other purpose consistent with the YMCA Mission, and release the YMCA from any claim or liability to that use. The images become the exclusive property of the YMCA. I waive all rights to inspect and/or approve any text that may be used in conjunction with the media and the use to which it may be applied. I understand this Waiver and Release shall be valid for one year from the date below my signature, unless revoked in writing by me by notice to:  YMCA Camp Willson 2732 County Road 11 Bellefontaine, OH 43311-9382  I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE TERMS OF THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY READ, ARE FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND ARE VOLUNTARILY ACCEPTED FOR THE PURPOSES OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED HEREIN.
Printed Name of Rider Printed Parent Name if applicable Today's Date
Parent or adult participant signature (must be signed in ink) Address
Challenge Course Facility Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability (Zip Line & Giant Swing)

I understand that my/my child's participation in programs offered by YMCA Camp Willson is based on the "Challenge by Choice" philosophy. I recognize that the program is designed to use engaging, teaching techniques, but that my participation is purely voluntary. At all times I/my child will choose my level of participation in any activity.

I understand that climbing, high ropes course, ground initiatives, and other activities in the program for which I/my child have enrolled, entails certain risks. Those risks can include increased heart rate, blood pressure, strained or sprained muscles, fractured bones, partial or complete paralysis, heart attacks, psychological injury, death, or any possibility of other serious injuries. I elect to participate/have my child participate in spite of these risks.

Therefore, for myself / my child, I knowingly and voluntarily assume all risks involved in my /his/her participation, and do hereby release YMCA of Central OH, Camp Willson and its members, trustees, officers, employees, independent contractors and agents from any and all liability, damages, costs, and expenses arising out of or relating to bodily or psychological injury, loss of life or personal property that may occur as a result of participating in this program, regardless of the cause. Should I/my child be injured during this training, I hereby authorize any medical care that is deemed in my best interest.

I furthermore agree to follow the YMCA's safety and facilitation techniques as taught and illustrated during the facilitation training in which I am a participant. I understand that if I vary from these techniques that I may be liable in the event of injury, physical, emotional or otherwise. This portion of the agreement shall be in effect from this day forward.

My child and/or I have read, understand and accept the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon the parties during the entire period of participation in the said program. I have informed YMCA Camp Willson trainers in writing on the reverse of this form of any relevant medical conditions that could affect my participation in this program. I am

signing this form of my own free will and I am not under duress to sign this form.
Signature of Participant (required) Date Age Printed Name of Participant
If under 18, Signature of Parent/Guardian Date Printed Name of Parent

## Health History for Schools, Groups and Adults at YMCA Camp Willson Must be completed in blue or black ink. Do not fax this form

Return to:								
Today's Date:	Group/School Name:							
Dates attending:, 20	)							
Participant's Name:			Gender: Male Female					
Last First Initial								
Home Address								
City State			_ Birth date:					
1st Emergency Contact's Name	Home Phone	Work phone	Mobile Phone					
	Home Phone		Mobile Phone					
If Emergency Contacts cannot be reached	f Emergency Contacts cannot be reached, notify:							
Phone: ()	hone: () Mobile Phone: ()							
Allergies:No known allergies. This campe Please describe below what the participant i			sect stings, hay fever, etc)					
<b><u>Diet, Nutrition:</u></b> Participant eats a regular o	liet; Participant eats a vegeta	rian diet (describe below);						
· a	pa		,					
General Health History Explain "Yes" ar		VNO: 0						
Y N Ear Infections?; Frequency:								
Y N Recurrent/ chronic illnesses?	Y N Diabetes?		inhaler?Nebulizer?					
Y N Problems with Diarrhea/ constipation?		•	n hospitalized? (When & Why?)					
Y N Recent injury?	Y N Bed Wetting?		es/ Migraines?; Frequency:					
Y N Fears/ Phobias?	Y N Had surgery? (Ty	pe & Date)						
Y N Recent infectious disease?  Y N Any current health conditions?								
Any hearing, cognitive, musculo-skeletal,								
I have reviewed the program and activities  Additional information concerning items listed abo								
Additional information concerning items listed abo	ove (attach additional sheet as nece	ssary):						
<b>Medications:</b> List the name, dosage, times given, rea	son for taking any medications (preso	cribed or over the counter); Take	s no medication on a regular basis					
Health Insurance: Insurance Company		ID#	Group #					
Insurance Co. Phone #: Insurance Co.								
Company address for Claims:Self; pa	rent/guardian of	give the Y	/MCA permission to:					
1. Without limitation, or obligation, any and all media	, including photographs, film footage	or tape recordings, which may in	iclude me or my child's image or					
conjunction with the media and the use to which it m 2. Agree to hold harmless the YMCA, its' agents, and participant at a YMCA sponsored activity on or off the	come the exclusive property of the YM ay be applied. employees for all claims alleging bod YMCA premises.	1CA. I waive all rights to inspect a	and/or approve any text that may be used in					
3. Give permission for the YMCA to transport the part 4. Give permission, as necessary, to search a particip <b>Permission to Provide Necessary Treatment or Em</b> it pertains. The person described has permission to physician selected by the camp to order x-rays, routi If I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give my pe for me/this child. I understand the information on thi addition, the camp has permission to obtain a copy o about my/my child's health status.	ant's belongings when the health, we ergency Care: This health history is c articipate in all camp activities excep ne tests, and treatment related to the mission to the physician to hospitaliz s form will be shared on a "need to kr	orrect and accurately reflects th t as noted by me and/or an exan health of my child for both routi e, secure proper treatment for, a now" basis with camp staff. I give	e health status of the participant to whom nining physician. I give permission to the ne health care and in emergency situations. and order injection, anesthesia, or surgery e permission to photocopy this form. In					
Legal Representative Signature (signed in ink, in p	resence of notary, if notarizing:		Date:					
I am the Participant; Parent/Guardian of the Participa								
Optional: Witness/Notary Public Signature Sworn before me and subscribed in my presence this								
Sworn before me and subscribed in my presence this	day of, 20 My	comission expires						

